

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 19, 2007 at 3:21 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 608, HB 561, HB 618, 2/15/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:05 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 608, Transfer general fund to children's trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:25 Betty Hidalgo, Chair, Montana Children's Trust Fund Board

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b02\)](#)

00:05:19 Teresa Cowan, Executive Director, Missoula Child Abuse Prevention Program

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b03\)](#)

00:11:41 Mary Gilluly, Executive Director, Family Tree Center, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b05\)](#)

00:17:27 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health; also, brought written testimony from Deborah Neuman, THRIVE, formerly Prevent Child Abuse, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:38 Betty Hall-Munger, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

[EXHIBIT\(aph37b07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:22 Rep. Hawk

00:23:49 Ms. Hall-Munger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:44 Rep. Olson

HEARING ON HB 561

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:00 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 561, Revise county bonding authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:09 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:05 Rep. Musgrove
00:34:35 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes the chair

HEARING ON HB 618

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:00 Rep. John Sinrud (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB
618, Establish statewide account for employee
termination costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:15 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:05 Paul Christofferson, Administrator, Financial Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:33 Rep. Morgan
00:38:13 Rep. Sinrud
00:38:25 Rep. Witte
00:39:01 Rep. Sinrud
00:39:54 Rep. Morgan
00:40:08 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:24 Rep. Sinrud
00:41:19 Rep. Sinrud resumed the chair and announced executive
action would take place Tuesday and Wednesday.

Additional Exhibits:

Exhibit refers to HB 173

EXHIBIT (aph37b08)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph37bad.pdf](#))